

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Bryan Wolf

Applicant's Reference: IGT1P064/P-463

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before examination on its merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

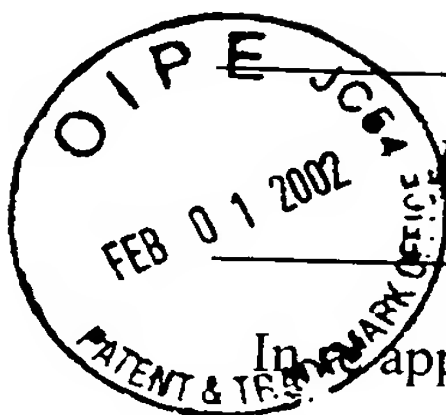
**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph at page 6, lines 11-14 with the following new paragraph.

Figures 7A & 7B present a series of calculations performed using the algorithm of Figure 6 and 9 vary with different classes of game.

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph at page 18, lines 1-6 with the following new paragraph.

Figures 7A and 7B illustrate in more detail how a 5-card poker hand is converted to a number. As shown, the poker hand in question is dealt as a 3 of Hearts, a 7 of Clubs, a King of Hearts, an 8 of Diamond, and a 4 of Spades. This hand may have been dealt to the gaming machine, for example. In order to convert that hand into a unique number for autohold determination or other gaming operation, the following sequence is performed.



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.



Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.



Please charge any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. IGT1P064).

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